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CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF: APRIL 4, 2007

SUBJECT:

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Minutes:

CHRIS CHRISTOFF, Las Vegas resident, congratulated the Mayor, COUNCILMAN REESE and COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN on their re-election. MR. CHRISTOFF stated that in August of 2006, COUNCILMAN REESE stepped forward regarding his request to have canopy shades installed before the summer. He is astonished that to date nothing has been done but was told it would be done in June 2007. MAYOR GOODMAN replied that MR. CHRISTOFF really put the pressure on this issue and advised that the City is installing 68 structures starting July 1st and to be completed before school begins. The canopy shades will be installed in Rotary, Baker and Dexter Parks. MR. CHRISTOFF emphasized that priority moves mountains, especially when children are concerned. MAYOR GOODMAN pointed out that permits and structural designs were needed, thus causing the delay.

COUNCILMAN REESE appreciated MR. CHRISTOFF for bringing this issue to the Council's attention and hopes the canopy shades will be installed on time. COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN added that MR. CHRISTOFF has been working on this for the past two summers.

MAYOR GOODMAN announced that City staff was available to help the homeless present in the audience.

MICHAEL LEE congratulated the Councilmembers for their re-election. He reported on the emergency winter shelters. He thanked TYRONE THOMPSON for his help. For the first time homeless advocates met with public officials at a round table discussion. He was displeased from being banned from Catholic Charities as a homeless advocate or as a client. He asked that COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN and COUNCILMAN BROWN, who sit on the Catholic Charities board, to investigate the situation, as well as COUNCILMAN WOLFSON. It is important to have access to the homeless. COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN asked if he represented himself as a homeless advocate, to which MR. LEE replied affirmatively.

ROSHAN JOSHUA COLLINS, homeless advocate, hopes that Las Vegas will become a hope of what a city should be. Why not bulldoze the casinos because they are destroying people's lives, and nothing is being done to help them. Sexual transmitted diseases are very dangerous. He encouraged people to help the homeless. A murder was committed in Circle Park and it was shut down; however, the casino where a murder occurred was not shut down.

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TED RUSSELL, Las Vegas resident, stated Las Vegas is not lawless; there is adequate justice and law enforcement. He is blessed by each Councilmember and welcomed COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS. He was pleased that MAYOR GOODMAN and COUNCILMAN REESE were re-elected. He respected COUNCILMAN BROWN'S confidence, and stated that COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN is his favorite.

ROBERT JOHNSTON also congratulated the Mayor for his re-election. He indicated that LYNN from Neighborhood Services has done a lot trying to help him, but after six weeks he is still homeless; something is wrong with the system. He found a job, but it was not enough. The City offered him a bus ticket to Providence, Rhode Island, but he is not going to let this town break him. He asked the Mayor to get involved in this process.

HELSEN HART, 3550 Paradise, appeared to address rezoning of the Las Palmas property. However, it was determined that the property is located in the County. City staff was asked to provide information of when that item might be heard by the County Commission.

DOROTHY BARNES, Las Vegas resident, brought forward her issues regarding people using her name.

JOHNNY VENTURA, 601 Raintree Lane, was pleased for the re-election of MAYOR GOODMAN, COUNCILMAN REESE and COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN. He once again asked that street numbers be reflected on buildings. He is still looking for fundings for the Clark County Chronicle.

SENATOR JOE NEAL, 304 Lance Street, North of Las Vegas, commended the City Council for their patience in listening to complaints. He brought forward an incident that occurred at the Elks Boran Lodge, where he is the secretary and a trustee. A City employee from the Licensing Division appeared at the lodge and asked the house chairman for his TAM and health card, of which he produced both. She then asked for his work card. He did not have a work card because he is a volunteer. She immediately told him to leave the bar location. SENATOR NEAL stated this seems to be misapplication of the City ordinance, because the lodge has many volunteers. He obtained a copy of the Ordinance from MRS. GOMEZ and the ordinance states that a valid work card is required for anyone in retail and alcohol sales. He contacted JIM DiFIORE and told him that all volunteers have TAM and health cards. MR. DiFIORE mentioned to him that the definition is that it has to be a salary-wage employee. SENATOR NEAL brought this to the City Council's attention to ensure that City employees ask the proper questions when they go into a non-profit establishment. The Senator indicated they have over a hundred people and abide by the City ordinances.

MAYOR GOODMAN commented that it was a privilege to have SENATOR NEAL in front of the City Council. SENATOR NEAL congratulated the Mayor and Councilmembers REESE and TARKANIAN for their re-elections. He also congratulated COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS for being appointed to the City Council.

Meeting adjourned at 5:02

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